

CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE AND HISTORIC
DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 2015

In attendance: Joyce Higgins, Duane Wetherby, Wes VanVelsor, Joann Hipp, Sue Coleman

Sue R unable to attend, no treasurers report

Our last meeting was in February 2015 and the minutes of that meeting have not been approved. Sue will bring to May meeting.

Joyce is stepping down as chair of the committee and Duane has agreed to step into that role.

Bench project – Sumner House and Unitarian Church benches are a go, Wes will have letters of understanding signed. We will place them where they would like it on their property.

It is okay to order stone for 2 new benches.

Albert St. Pierre has donated the wheels from the old diner and a bench will be made using them. Claremont Savings Bank will be placing the bench on their property.

Thought for the future – benches could be purchased in memory of a person.

South Charlestown Plaque – Wes and Duane will do the finish up work and attach the plaque to the stone. We will contact the newspapers when all is ready.

Old Home Days - Wes has a lead on oxen for the parade, Wayne Wheeler in Plainfield, and will contact them.

The canon cart might need new bushings before it can be used in the parade.

Eagle Project @ Forest Hills Cemetery – Duncan Spillsbury has done a fantastic job on this joint project with the Cemetery Committee. It is almost ready to present to the public and we will contact the newspapers when it is.

Essay Contest – one of the middle school teachers would like to present an idea in lieu of the written contest. We are starting to get repeat winners. The project would use an app on phones using the info in the Main St walkabout booklet and let people use the app to do the tour. Sue will contact her and ask her to come to our June meeting to give us more info.

We had a discussion regarding the historic ordinance. We worked long and hard and happy with it. Joyce made a motion stating that the CHHDC is comfortable with the Historic District Ordinance as written. Motion was seconded by Joann. Motion passed after voting. Duane will let Dave Edkins know in writing and send a copy of proposed letter to the committee for preview.

Submitted by S. Coleman
May 22, 2015